IN THE CLAIMS:

1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (new) A method for error handling in a printer or copier, comprising the steps of:

detecting with a plurality of monitoring units error states of the printer or copier;

transmitting the detected error states to a controller;

storing a plurality of successively transmitted error states in a storage;

evaluating the stored error states by the controller;

comparing the stored error states with predetermined error patterns and determining at least one error type; and

executing further steps by the controller dependent on the error type.

14. (new) A method according to claim 13 wherein a causative error is determined upon evaluation of the error states.

15. (new) A method according to claim 13 wherein an error group is selected upon evaluation of the error states, whereby the further steps are established dependent on the selected error group.

16. (new) A method according to claim 13 wherein at least one of the type and a sequence of the occurred error states is considered upon comparison of the stored error states with error patterns.

17. (new) A method according to claim 13 wherein the controller implements at least one of an automatic error correction and sending of an error notification to a superordinate controller.

18. (new) A method according to claim 17 wherein the controller is connected with a host system, whereby the controller only registers with the host system occurrence of errors that cannot be corrected automatically.

19. (new) A method according to claim 17 wherein information about the error type of error states that could be automatically remedied are stored at least in one error storage of the controller.

20. (new) A method according to claim 13 wherein error states transmitted up to a shutdown of the printer or copier are evaluated with aid of a predetermined error evaluation algorithm, whereby at least one error type is determined.

21. (new) A method according to claim 13 wherein dependent on the error type and at least one of the transmitted error states, the printer or copier at least one of is automatically restarted, an automatic start is prevented, and a signaling of the error to a superordinate controller occurs.

22. (new) A method according to claim 13 wherein the printing or copying event is ended after the transmission of an error state, and all error states transmitted up to a shutdown of the printer or copier are stored in the storage and used for evaluation.

23. (new) A method according to claim 13 wherein the stored error states are erased in the storage after the evaluation of the error states.

24. (new) A device for error handling in a printer or copier, comprising:

a controller that transmits error states occurring in the printer or copier;

a storage in which a plurality of successively transmitted error states are stored;

the controller comparing the stored error states with predetermined error patterns and determining at least one error type; and

the controller implementing further measures dependent on the error type.

25. (new) A method for error handling in a printer or copier, comprising the steps of:

detecting with a monitoring system error states of the printer or copier;

transmitting the detected error states to a controller;

storing a plurality of transmitted error state in a storage;

evaluating the stored error states by the controller;

comparing the stored error states with at least one predetermined error pattern and determining at least one error type; and

executing at least one further step by the controller dependent on the error type.

26. (new) A device for error handling in a printer or copier, comprising:

a controller that transmits error states occurring in the printer or copier;

a storage in which a plurality of transmitted error states are stored;

the controller comparing the stored error states with at least one predetermined error pattern and determining at least one error type; and

the controller implementing at least one further measure dependent on the error type.